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### **Findings of RPNM Poll Challenges Liberal Data**

Albuquerque, NM— In response to polling results released by a Democratic firm, the Republican Party of New Mexico calls into question the accuracy of these polling conclusions. While today's findings were based on a series of automated calls—making it more difficult to determine the respondent's eligibility to vote—a recent poll commissioned by RPNM was based on 500 live interviews with New Mexico voters statewide.

“Internal polling data seriously challenges the findings released today,” stated Ryan Cangioli, executive director of the Republican Party of New Mexico. “And we remain confident that the Republican message of stamping out corruption and restoring fiscal responsibility will resonate with voters on election day.”

RPNM's poll was conducted January 25-27<sup>th</sup> with 500 likely voters and has a 4.38% margin of error.

In a general ballot matchup, when asked if the election were held today, 44% said they were likely to vote for the Republican gubernatorial candidate while 40% said they would vote for the Democrat. This is significant considering that registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans in New Mexico.

Providing further evidence the state is looking for fresh leadership, when asked whether the state's next governor should generally continue the policies of Bill Richardson or significantly change the policies and programs of the governor, 59% stated that these policies needed to significantly change.

This is consistent with the survey finding that 61% of respondents said they felt that things in New Mexico have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track.

Concluded Cangioli, “In November, New Mexicans will have the opportunity to restore accountability to the Roundhouse by breaking with 7 years of failed policies which Diane

Denish has labored alongside Bill Richardson to advance.”

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